

NEWS RELEASE

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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from the Orange County line to Paramount Boulevard. A weekend closure is scheduled for a portion of the westbound SR-91 Freeway beginning Sunday, November 21 and completing Monday, November 22 in preparation for new pavement construction:

Weekend Closures: Westbound Route 91:

- 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. - HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Woodruff Avenue to Downey Avenue.

The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, each night, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23 for placing barriers, pile driving, striping, and pavement replacement. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times.

Eastbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Downey Avenue to Woodruff Avenue.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m.- Northbound and southbound Lakewood Boulevard on-ramps.
- 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (**DAILY**) and 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue on-ramp.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.

Westbound Route 91:

Nightly, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23:

- 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from the I-605 connector to Downey Avenue.

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Westbound Route 91: (Continued)

Nightly, Monday, November 22 and Tuesday, November 23:

- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound and southbound I-605 connectors to westbound SR-91.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Clark Avenue off-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp.
- 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. – Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp.**(DAILY)**

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

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